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REMARKS

Claims 34-52 are allowed. The foregoing amendment only adds one word to each of claims 46-48 and 50 to further clarify the element "high tensile fibrous material" recited in the claims.

No new issues are raised by this amendment and no change in the scope of the allowed claims results.

The issue fee for this application is paid today, November 3, 2004, by a separate filing. Accordingly, this Amendment conforms with the M.P.E.P. § 714.16 requirement that this Amendment be submitted no later than the same date on which the issue fee is paid.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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